

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 995

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Wayne Walker on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Walker is one such estimable person who has served the Portland Natural Gas Department with distinction for thirty-eight exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker will be taking a much deserved retirement from his post as Gas Superintendent on June 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Walker commenced work at the Portland Natural Gas Department as a meter reader on July 1, 1970; and

WHEREAS, he bravely served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1972 until returning to his job at the Department in 1974; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting all the fine qualities of a skilled and conscientious employee, Mr. Walker assumed the position of Public Works Superintendent in September of 1977; also in 1977, he was assigned the position of Gas Superintendent, and he has served with acumen and alacrity in that capacity for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, his professional achievements aside, Mr. Walker enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Sue, and their children, Tony and René; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Walker exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Wayne Walker our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we recognize and honor his nearly forty years of service with the Portland Natural Gas Department and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.